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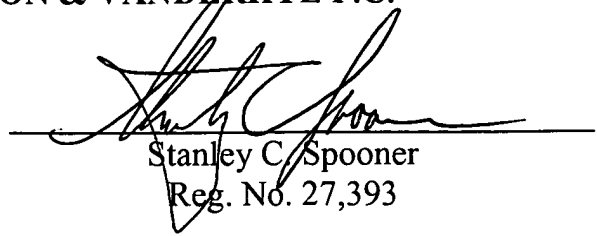
A Reply Brief and Request for Oral Hearing were filed in the above application on March 6, 2008. On July 9, 2008 the Examiner indicated that the applications was being forwarded to the Board. However, since then applicant has not received any communication from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when an Oral Hearing date will be set.

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